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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Mohammed N. Islam et al.  
Serial No.: 10/028,576  
Filing Date: December 20, 2001  
Title: OPTICAL AMPLIFICATION USING LAUNCHED SIGNAL  
POWERS SELECTED AS A FUNCTION OF A NOISE  
FIGURE

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Assistant Commissioner for  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

This is in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application -  
Filing Date Granted mailed January 29, 2002. Applicant submits herewith:

(a) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application -  
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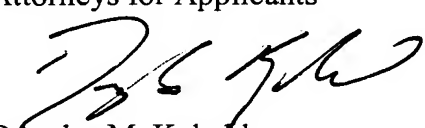
(b) An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced  
patent application, which was filed December 20, 2001.

(c) A completed Assignment with an Assignment cover sheet for the above-  
referenced patent application. The recordal fee in the amount of \$40.00 is included herewith  
for the Assignment.

(d) A check in the amount of \$65.00 is enclosed for the surcharge for a non-small entity.

(e) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any amount required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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